

Ban Johnson Fails to Reprimand Manager Clark Griffith

While It Was Thought Mogul Would Bawl Out Clark Griffith, No Such Action Has Been Taken—Believed He Will Not Need Protest Made by Washington Club.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

"Suspension on Schaefer and your own name," said Ban Johnson, the only thing that Clark Griffith has received from Chicago since the forfeiture of a week ago last Friday at Shibe Park. While there were no predictions that the president of the league intended to continue the ban, the fact that he had held back the manager of the Nationals, it was expected that when he did raise the suspension there would be at least a public reprimand of Griffith.

As the matter now stands the trouble at Philadelphia appears to be a closed incident. As we pointed out in these columns at the time any belated protest about Chilly making a mistake in calling "balls" on Engel when it should have been "balls," would not prevail. Complaints of this sort must be made at the time the alleged offense takes place, so it would seem that Johnson has been consistent in the stand he has taken in declining to honor the objection that was forwarded from here after four days of deliberation.

The forfeited game will, in all probability, endure. The Washington Nationals count stand 7 to 4 in favor of the Athletics for the season, thus far.

In the ninth inning of yesterday's game Leary punched a grounder to second, which Day Morgan gathered in with apparently plenty of time to throw out the runner. When he did not make the play to Gandil, the second baseman astonished the crowd and there was no end of discussion of why he faltered when he had such a chance to complete the out.

The explanation came today when it was learned that Morgan was not prepared to make the play for when he got the ball in his glove it rolled around and he could not get a grasp on it with his right hand to make the throw. It should have been scored as an error.

Joe Sugden, who is to the Browns what Jack Ryan is to the Griffs, is now touring the Middle West to inspect a couple of young catchers who have been recommended to Branch Hickey.

Through the interference of rain yesterday, stopping every game scheduled except the one here, the tension in the American League race is today greater than ever. The Nationals are now but half a game behind Detroit, the Tigers are but forty-four points in the race of the Athletics, Chicago is but thirteen and Washington while but seven points separate Boston and St. Louis in the struggle for the leadership of the second section of the league.

If the Griffs can win today and the Philadelphia are able to get back to Detroit, this evening will find Washington in the runner up position.

With their chief released from his prison and once more in good standing, those Nationals went out yesterday with renewed confidence and gave the St. Louis Browns one of the worst trouncings of the season here. The score of 7 to 2 does not actually demonstrate what a trouncing was handed out to the men from the state of visible demonstration, for there was not a time after the opening of the game that the Nationals were not monarchs of all they surveyed.

They jumped on Bill James in the second and by simply slaughtering the ball, drove themselves to the front through the medium of a four run lead. This bombardment was too much for James who was yanked out and Walter Levern was sent in in the hope of three more runs, but he was allowed to remain on the rubber until the eighth when the substitution of a hitter forced a change in the box and young Taylor pitched the final session.

While the St. Louis slabbards were having their troubles, Yancy Wyatt Ayers was going along in a manner befitting the present excellent condition of the Washington pitchers. The Virginia physician never looked better since he has worn Griffithian spangles. Up to the seventh, but two men had gotten to first and both of these were on gifts. Neither survived long enough to break the succession of slabs that Ayers was piling up. It was not until two were out in the seventh, when Leary shoved a single into St. Louis, that the game got going. Up to that time, the game looked like a hit. Up to that time, but twice had the Browns been able to get the ball beyond the inner defense of the Griffs and these were equally divided among Shanks, Milan and Moeller.

As a matter of fact Ayers was such a dominant figure that he robbed the game of practically all of its excitement and the prize of the crowd was centered in the grand performance of the twirler.

Ayers had done so well that as soon as he was hit in the seventh Griffith allowed him to finish that inning, and then sent Johnny Bentley to the front. The game by this time was sewed up, and while Bentley was hit four times, the Browns made two runs, his performance was good enough to hold the victory that had been started through the combination of the pitching of Ayers and the slugging of the other members of the team.

Aside from the actual play there were two incidents that drew forth from the crowd sincere applause. It is most unusual for baseball fanatics to make a friendly demonstration for umpires. When Billy Evans and Jack Egan walked on that field yesterday the people in the stand cheered them as no other umpires have ever before been received here. The idea of the Nationals working without the restraint of Chilly and Sheridan was a relief.

The next cheering of real moment came when Clark Griffith and Herman Schaefer went to the coaching lines. It was a fine tribute to these two and showed the confidence that still exists in the team since the forfeiture of a week ago last Friday.

When the Nationals saw they were to win there was no end of enthusiasm among the players and finally the din from the bench became so great that James Aloysius Shaw was politely requested by Mr. John Egan to retire from the field for the afternoon.

Howard Shanks was the victim of a great catch by Bert Shotten. In the third inning Shanks ripped off a liner to right center that appeared as though it was bound for the fence, but Shotten's speed got him over in time to make a great catch.

The idea of getting away to such a flying start seemed to affect the judgment of the Nationals in the second inning and Moeller and Shanks each perished by taking what appeared to be unreasonable chances on the base. But the game was won, so what's the use, Bill, what's the use?

We are now told that Dutch Schaefer has adopted a moth as the club mascot. The next thing we will hear will be that they are raising classic plants in the outfield or the club has been invited out to hunt welsch rabbits.

The second inning was opened, from a Washington standpoint, when Chick Gandil whaled the ball against the right field wall for a triple. Shanks batted out a single in the same general direction putting Gandil over, but was out at second in trying to stretch the single into a double. An infield hit put Morgan on, and then McMurtrie walked. Leary came through with a double that netted a run, and Moeller cleaned up with another hit. Foster put Moeller as far as the front runner was tipped off third.

In the fourth the Nationals made three more on a double to Morgan, McBride's sacrifice, and Ayers' attempted sacrifice, which Leary jumped up, and a double by Leary.

The Browns got their first run in the eighth, when Clarence Walker was sent in in the emergency and hit. Walker was sent in to run for him, and stole second and third unopposed, and came in on Shotten's single.

In the ninth St. Louis got another tally on hits by Howard and Leary and a passed ball.

THE BOX SCORE:

WASHINGTON.	AB	R	H	E	ST. LOUIS.	AB	R	H	E
Moeller, rf.	3	2	0	0	Shotten, cf.	4	1	4	0
Foster, 3b.	2	2	0	0	Pratt, 2b.	4	1	3	0
Milan, cf.	2	0	1	0	Williams, rf.	3	0	0	0
Shanks, 1b.	4	2	3	0	C. Walker, lf.	3	0	0	0
Morgan, 2b.	2	2	3	0	Leary, 1b.	3	0	0	0
McBride, ss.	1	0	3	0	Howard, 3b.	3	0	0	0
Henry, c.	4	2	1	0	Wares, ss.	3	0	0	0
Ayers, p.	1	0	1	0	Agnew, c.	3	0	0	0
Bentley, p.	1	0	0	0	Baumgardner, p.	3	0	0	0
Totals.	23	12	7	7	Totals.	22	5	14	2

*Batted for Lavan in eighth.

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Runs—Gandil, Morgan (2), McBride, Henry (2), Ayers, Leary, Wares. Left on bases: Nationals, 1; St. Louis, 6. First base on balls—off James, 1; off Levern, 2; off Taylor, 1. One out. Nationals hit—by James, 1-2-3; by Levern, 5-1-3; by Taylor, 1; by Ayers, 7; by Bentley, 2. Hits made—Shanks, 4; Morgan, 3; Leary, 2; Howard, 1; Wares, 1; Agnew, 1; Bentley, 4. Three-base hit—Gandil. Two-base hit—Henry. Foster, Pratt, sacrifice. Errors—Gandil, McBride, Moeller, Ayers, Shotten, Milan, McBride, Wares (2). Double play—Gandil, McBride, Morgan to Gandil, Leary (unassisted). Passed ball—Henry. Umpires: Messrs. Egan and Evans. Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes.

JACK DUNN SELLS PLAYERS TO REDS

Derrick and Twombly Go to Herzog, and Cree Is Turned Over to Frank Chance.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 8.—While Jack Dunn will not admit it, deals have been practically consummated by which Shortstop Claude Derrick and Outfielder George Twombly, of the Orioles, will soon be wearing Cincinnati uniforms, while Birdie Cree, the highest priced fielder in the International League, will go to the New York Americans.

Secretary Stevens, of the Cincinnati club, was here yesterday, and closed the deal. The price paid for the two men by Cincinnati is said to be about \$15,000. Both have been hitting in the .300 class and have been playing great ball in the field. They are to report to Manager Herzog on Friday.

Dunn's refusal to confirm the sale is due to the fact that the formalities required by the rules have not yet been complied with. Under the rule in order to complete the sale the signature of the player must be signed to a contract. The majority of the Orioles are signed to two-year contracts. Dunn says he does not think any of the players will refuse to sign either with a National or American League team. Consistent with the fact that the Orioles are a recent offering of \$50,000 for six of the Orioles, Cree being among the number.

In selling these players Dunn is carrying out a prediction that he made when he said that he would remove the less draft rule was removed he would sell off his players or transfer his team.

Baltimore fans have been chafing under a minor league proposition since the reduction was made and Orioles' Park has been practically boycotted since the Federal League placed a team here.

"Muggsy" McGraw is always awake to possibilities. He knows that his championship aggregation has many weaknesses and so he is starting out to strengthen it. But why should he pick up poor Buck Herzog in that way?

Billy Evans and Jack Egan turned in a fine day's work yesterday and lived up to predictions that they were cheered before the game and the fans left the park satisfied. A few more days of Chilly and Sheridan would have brought the attendance down to almost nothing.

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